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Mr. Louis Cusimano
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Re: Request for Economic Analysis and Legal Review of

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Pending Recommendation,

"Flight plan requirements for helicopter operations under Instrument Flight

Rules"

Dear Mr. Cusimano:

As Assistant Chair of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) General Aviation Operations Issues Group, I write to request economic analysis and legal review of a proposed Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) soon to be forwarded to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for consideration, "Flight plan requirements for helicopter operations under Instrument Flight Rules," hereinafter "Helicopter IFR." A draft of the Helicopter IFR NPRM is enclosed for your examination.

The General Aviation Operations Issues Group will meet on April 25, 1997, to review to the Helicopter IFR proposal. I expect to forward the proposal to the FAA shortly thereafter.

Please call if you have any questions regarding this request. Many thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely

Glenn Rizner Assistant Chair.

ARAC General Aviation Operations Issues Group

cc: Ms. Cindy Berman (without enclosure)

Mr. Steven Brown (without enclosure)

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